

REMARKS

Claims 26, 27 and 30 have been amended to address the minor language objections noted by the Examiner. The Examiner is thanked for his careful review of this application.

Claims 26 and 27 also have been amended to better define the claimed invention over the prior art. More particularly, independent claim 26 has been amended to specify that the aluminum plate comprised an silicated anodized aluminum plate. While claim 27 has been amended to specify that the aluminum plate comprises a grained silicated anodized aluminum plate. These limitations clearly distinguish claims 26-28 from the applied art. In the rejection, the Examiner recognizes that Ma et al. fails to teach an aluminum substrate. However, the Examiner looks to Bratt as teaching an anodized aluminum substrate. Even assuming arguendo, Bratt is as the Examiner suggests and that it would obvious to combine Ma et al. and Bratt, Bratt nowhere teaches or suggests an silicated anodized aluminum plate as specified in claim 26 or a grained silicated anodized aluminum plate as specified in claim 27. Accordingly, no combination of Ma et al. and Bratt could achieve claim 26 or claim 27, or claim 28, which depends on claim 26. Accordingly, the rejection of claims 26-28 is in error.

A Terminal Disclaimer accompanies this Amendment, thus rendering moot the rejection of claims 29-31.

A Form PTO-2038 for the extension and disclaimer fees accompanies this Amendment.

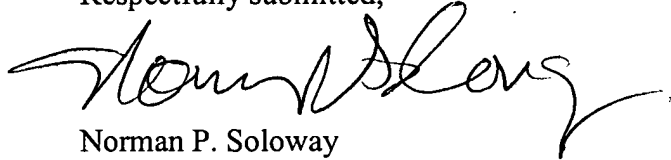
Having dealt with all the objections raised by the Examiner, the Application is believed to be in order for allowance. Early and favorable action are respectfully requested.

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